

Manchester Fact Sheet

Suburban Community

Population: 54,740

County: Hartford

White: 83%

African-American: 8%

Latino: 7%

Manchester is a suburb of Hartford located ten miles east of the city. The town was formerly the site of silk and woolen mills but little industry has replaced these factories. Most jobs in town are low-paying retail positions as Manchester has become a major shopping destination within the past ten years due to new development.

Special Needs Population

Total # special needs children 0-18 receiving services	Ages 0-3 ¹	Ages 3-5 ²	Ages 6-12 ³	Prevalence Rate ³ (K-12 population)
1,149	84	141	924	12.2%

County & Town-level Economic Indicators*

Hartford County Median Household Income, 1997 ⁴	Hartford County Children Below Poverty, 1997 ⁴	Manchester Children 0-19 Participating in HUSKY A/Medicaid, 12/01 ⁵
\$46,011	17.5%	2,979

Community Groups

Family Development Center, 860-647-3330

The Family Development Center offers the following programs: Healthy Families CT, First Steps, The Nurturing Program, Parents as Teachers, Early Head Start, Family Support Center.

Greater Hartford Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (HARC), 860-278-4272

Provides clinical and supportive services for people with mental retardation and their families including: advocacy, birth-to-three, respite care, family support, recreation, employment and day programs, residential, psychological, social, and behavioral health services.

Greater Hartford Legal Assistance, 800-453-3320

Manchester Head Start, 860-647-3502

Manchester Area Conference of Churches, Inc., 860-649-2093

A non-profit, private, social services agency providing shelter, clothing, food, soup kitchen, and case management services to those in need in the Greater Manchester area.

MARC, Inc. of Manchester, 860-646-5718

Provides community supports in employment, residential, retirement, self-advocacy and recreation services for people with disabilities.

Saint James Catholic Church, 860-643-4129

United Way of the Capitol Area, 860-493-6800

**Current town-level data available only for Medicaid statistics.*

¹ Connecticut Birth to Three System Annual Report July 1999-September 2000.

² CT Dept. of Education, Early Childhood and Social Services Preschool Profiles, 1998-99, www.state.ct.us/sde/early/profile.htm, [11/5/01].

³ CT DOE Special Education Profiles, School Year Data 1999-00, www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/ssp/ssp_frameset.htm, [11/5/01].

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, State and County Quickfacts, www.quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/09/09003.html, [10/24/01].

⁵ Connecticut Children's Health Council, Husky Enrollment Numbers, http://www.childrenshealthcouncil.org/outreach/data/TownA/dec01_enrollment.htm, [12/04/01].